



Dear Citizens,

A major challenge when leading a large city through a renaissance is to think about how new development projects and technologies affect people today and generations from now. As important as it may be to change the city today, it is just as important to create a lasting legacy of progress for our children and future residents. It is for this reason that I am committed to promoting the use of clean and green technologies and practices throughout the city.

Some of the changes in the city's practices are subtle, such as converting city traffic lights from using incandescent bulbs to new LED lights, or improving the energy efficiency of city buildings. Other practices have a wide reach and greater impact, such as the new energy reduction project for 180 public school buildings. This project is expected to save the city \$4.8 million annually.

For implementing these and other changes, the United States Conference of Mayors honored Baltimore with an Outstanding Achievement Award for Climate Protection. It is a privilege to be recognized along with other forward-thinking cities like Albuquerque, Fayetteville, Austin and Chicago.

But there is much more we are doing to improve our city's environmental future. Most noticeably, we have started increasing the city's tree canopy from 20 percent to 40 percent. In 30 years, the increased tree coverage will benefit residents by cooling and cleaning the air. Our air will also be cleaned with the increased use of alternative fuel and hybrid cars. Currently, we are providing dedicated parking spaces for city employees who choose to drive hybrid vehicles. Additionally, we are buying new alternative fuel vehicles for the city's fleet.

For the homeowner, we are also providing assistance to create your own cleaner and greener life. If you would like a tree planted on your yard, which can help reduce your long-term energy costs, the city will provide one for you (contact the [Forestry Division](#) of the Department of Recreation and Parks.) Also, I increased funding for the Weatherization Program, which provides energy audits and installation of conservation measures for low-

income residents.

As always, I am interested in what you think about our plan to make our city a dynamic place to LIVE, EARN, PLAY and LEARN. Please [email me](#) your comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dixon  
Mayor  
Baltimore

### **Citizens on Patrol Forum**

*Let us create a better sense of community spirit!*

Are you willing to help take our streets back?  
Are you willing to help stop crimes of opportunity?

If your answer is YES, then come to the [Citizens on Patrol Forum](#)

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bishop L. Robinson, Sr. Police Administration Building  
601 East Fayette Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atrium

Hosted by Colonel Deborah Owens, Chief of Patrol

All District Community Council Presidents/Representatives will be present!

For additional information, please contact Denise McNeill at (410) 396-2363 or at [Denise.mcneill@baltimorecitypolice.org](mailto:Denise.mcneill@baltimorecitypolice.org)

### **Flicks from the Hill**

*Thursday Starting at 9pm, June 21-August 9*

Thursdays at 9pm  
Next Movie: July 5<sup>th</sup>, *Apollo 13*

FREE

The American Visionary Art Museum  
800 Key Highway, Baltimore  
[www.AVAM.org](http://www.AVAM.org)

The American Visionary Art Museum's Hughes Family Outdoor Theater Presents "Flicks from the Hill", a series of free family films screened under the AVAM's 'Golden Hand'.

On nights when a film is showing, the Museum is free from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

## **Volunteers Needed for Artscape!**

*July 20-22, 2007*

Artscape, the largest arts festival in the mid-Atlantic region, is in need of volunteers like you to make the festival a success! Volunteers are needed in a wide variety of areas, including the Artist Market, Art Galleries, Family Art Park, Hospitality Areas, and many others.

As a thank you, all volunteers receive one free parking pass, one free t-shirt, refreshments, and access to indoor restrooms and air conditioning!

If you are interested in volunteering for Artscape, please email [BOPAvolunteer@promotionandarts.com](mailto:BOPAvolunteer@promotionandarts.com).

## **Baltimore Farmers' Market**

*Sundays Under the JFX*

Baltimore Farmers' Market:

Everyone is invited to enjoy this one-of-a-kind shopping experience at economical prices. While strolling the market, guests can revel at the sight of the large quantity of the freshest fruits and vegetables, eggs, a variety of breads from Maryland area farmers, and delight in homemade treats. In addition, food vendors add spice to the market with cultural cuisine, popular pit beef sandwiches, pastries, cheeses, and gourmet treats.

Sundays, May 6 - December 23, 2007  
8am to sellout, approximately noon

Holliday and Saratoga streets underneath the Jones Falls Expressway

## **Activities for the Whole Family**

**Special Events All Around Baltimore**

The Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks offers activities for city residents and guests - educational hikes and walks, sports leagues, youth and senior activities, and fun for the family.

Please visit [Rec & Parks' Events Calendar](#) for dates and times.



**TV25: How Baltimore sees itself**

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